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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ALSO TO GENERAL SCOWCROFT,
SECRETARY RUMSFELD AND DEPUTY SECRETARY ELLSWORTH

FROM E.V. ROSTOW

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, IC, UK
SUBJECT: UK/ICELAND DISPUTE

1. ICELANDIC DELEGATION TO ATA MEETING STRANDED BY
AIRLINE STRIKE BUT SIR FRANK ROBERTS IS HERE. I HAVE
BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH ICELANDIC COLLEAGUES.

2. ROBERTS BELIEVES THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL
WITHDRAW NAVY FROM ICELANDIC WATERS APPARENTLY UNI-
LATERALLY IF PRIVATELY ASSURED IN ADVANCE THAT
ICELAND WILL MAKE AGREEMENT BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF
TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF CONSERVATION QUOTA ESTABLISHED
BY ICELAND REPEAT ICELAND. PERCENTAGE FIGURE IS
NEGOTIABLE. DURATION OF AGREEMENT SHOULD BE AT
LEAST SIX MONTHS PREFERABLY YEAR. BRITAIN WILL
YIELD TO ACCEPTANCE OF 200 MILE FISHING LIMIT PRINCIPLE
BY LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE WITHOUT WAITING FOR
RATIFICATION AS BASIS FOR LONGER TERM AGREEMENT.
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3. ROBERTS AND I MEET WITH LUNS AT THREE FORTY
FIVE TODAY TO URGE HIM TO MAKE PROPOSAL AS HIS OWN.
ROBERTS NOW CHECKING WITH BRITISH TO CONFIRM THAT

HIS EVALUATION OF BRITISH POSITION WILL FLY.

4. SIX MONTHS TERM FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT DESIRABLE
TO GET PAST EEC DEADLINE ON APPLICATION OF EFTA
PROTOCOL FOR ICELAND, NECESSARY FOR DURABILITY OF
ICELANDIC-GERMAN FISHING AGREEMENT.

5. THIS APPROACH DISCUSSED OVER PHONE WITH ICELAND
COLLEAGUE WHO IS CHECKING WITH OTHERS IN REYKJAVIK
AND WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME SOONEST.

6. MOST HELPFUL IN LUNS' VIEW IF WE COULD ADVISE
ICELAND TO ACCEPT THIS APPROACH. ALTERNATIVES ALL
MUCH WORSE. STREATOR

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